

At page 19, line 27 to line 28, delete "(Figs. 3, 4)".

At page 19, line 30, delete "; Fig. 3D".

At page 20, line 3, delete "; Fig. 4".

REMARKS

In the Notice of Missing Parts, the drawings are objected to for informalities. Certain of the drawings are comprised of photocopied photographs (Figures 1, 2, 3(a)-(c)), while others are reprints of nucleotide sequences (Figures 5 and 6).

Figures 1, 2 and 3(a)-(c) are visual representations of the results of experiments. Each experiment, and the results data obtained therefrom, are described in detail within the Specification (see, e.g., as to Figure 1, Example VI; as to Figure 2, Example IV; and as to Figure 3(a) through 3(c), Examples IV and V). Therefore, no change in subject matter or reduction in disclosure is introduced through deletion of Figures 1 through 3(c) from the application.

Figures 5 and 6 are merely representative nucleotide sequences which code for, respectively, a neurotrophic factor and a nerve growth factor that are useful in the invention. The sequences depicted in the Figures are publicly available through GENBANK, via Accession Numbers which are provided in the Specification at page 9, lines 10-19. Neither Figure is necessary to enablement of the claims to the invention.

Applicants note that, for ease of reference, an alternative accession number for the sequence of Figure 6 is added by amendment to page 9 (X52599). That number was included at the top of Figure 6, and was therefore present in the application on filing such that no new subject matter is added to the application by transfer of the accession number from the drawing to the detailed description.

In addition, this Amendment corrects an obvious typographical error at page 2, where the word "factor" runs into the following word "delivered", and the plural "s" at the end of the word "factor" is missing. No new subject matter is introduced by the correction of this error.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that entry of the proposed amendments is appropriate, and constitutes a full response to the objections to informalities in the drawings set forth in the Notice of Missing Parts.

If there are any questions or comments concerning this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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